



2016 THANKSGIVING GUIDE

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To deep-fry or not to deep-fry?  
So, uh, who's offering takeout?  
Which wine goes with leftovers?

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# EAT

## EVERYTHING BUT THE BIRD COOKING & COCKTAIL CLASS

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# DRINK



# DO

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773-697-8066

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## ESSAY FIESTA

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## 3-DAY FORECAST



**MONDAY**

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So chilly



**TUESDAY**

**45/37**

Drizzly



**WEDNESDAY**

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Still soggy

## HAPPY HOUR OF THE DAY

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Eat, Drink, Do's weekly look at a month's worth of shows, tunes, foodie and boozy fun and more

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November	Head back to <b>Page 2</b> for today's <b>Eat. Drink. Do.</b> events.	<b>PRE-THANKSGIVING SEAFOOD BOIL AT OYSTER BAH</b> 1962 N. Halsted St. 773-248-3000  Take a break from holiday shopping to feast on head-on shrimp (\$29.95) or a 1-pound Maine lobster (\$36.95) served with clams, sausage, corn on the cob and potatoes. 5-10 p.m.	<b>TURKEY TESTICLE FESTIVAL AT TIMOTHY O'TOOLE'S PUB</b> 622 N. Fairbanks Court 312-642-0700  See how many deep-fried turkey testicles you can eat for a shot at winning a whole frozen turkey or enter a pumpkin pie-eating contest awarding a \$25 gift certificate, all while taking advantage of food and drink specials. 9 p.m. No cover.		<b>25TH ANNUAL WREATHING OF THE LIONS AT THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO</b> 111 S. Michigan Ave.  The iconic guardians of the Grant Park museum don evergreen wreaths as guests enjoy complimentary hot chocolate. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	<b>SIMMER BROWN AT BUGHOUSE THEATER</b> 1910 W. Irving Park Road 312-282-9498  Jeff Award-nominated comedian Peter Kim headlines the monthly standup and variety showcase. 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$15. Tickets: <b>simmerbrowncomedy.brownpapertickets.com</b>
	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<b>HOLIDAY MARKET AT LINCOLN PARK ZOO</b> 2001 N. Clark St. 312-742-2000  Shop for jewelry, art and more from local shops and artisans while taking in the ZooLights display. The zoo will also collect coats and winter clothing. 6:30-10 p.m. \$10. Tickets: <b>lpzoo.org/holiday-market</b>	<b>'ELECTRODIDE: ANCIENT ELECTRONIC GODDESS' AT IO CHICAGO</b> 1501 N. Kingsbury St. 312-929-2401  Bryant Smith's electric beat boxing funk opera tells the epic tale of Electrodide, who battles The Evil Regime while sailing a ship powered by The Groove. 10:30 p.m. \$5. Tickets: <b>ioimprov.com/chicago</b>	1 December  ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE FILE		
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4		<b>HOLIDAY CAVA CLASS AT THE SPANISH SQUARE</b> 1358 W. Belmont Ave. 773-717-7900  Taste and learn about five varieties of the Spanish sparkling wine. The tasting also includes still varieties and appetizers. 7-9 p.m. \$30.	<b>MATT RUBY AT TIMOTHY O'TOOLE'S PUB</b> 622 N. Fairbanks Court 312-642-0700  See the New York-based comedian record his debut standup album. 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 and 9:15 p.m. \$10-\$15. Tickets: <b>mattrubyrecording.brownpapertickets.com</b>	8  MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE FILE	<b>LIVE MOVIE RIFFING WITH THE MADS AT THE LOGAN THEATRE</b> 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-697-3563  Frank Conniff and Trace Beaulieu of "Mystery Science Theater 3000" screen and mock two different bad movies. 7 and 10 p.m. \$35. Tickets: <b>themadsdec9.brownpapertickets.com</b>	
	5	6	7		9	10
		<b>BUILD-A-BIKE WORKSHOP AT HERITAGE BICYCLES</b> 2959 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-245-3005  Learn how to build a bike from the frame up at this hands-on, small group class. BYOB and be prepared to get greasy. 7-9 p.m. \$45. Tickets: <b>dabble.co</b>	<b>MERRY MALBEC AT ARTANGO BAR &amp; STEAKHOUSE</b> 4767 N. Lincoln Ave. 872-208-7441  Try five varieties of the varietal paired with Argentine appetizers and get a lesson on the wine's complexities. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30.		<b>UGLY SWEATER SALSA DANCE PARTY AT DUET DANCE STUDIO</b> 2412 W. North Ave. 312-823-8199  The BYOB bash includes a 45-minute beginner salsa class, student performances, a sweater contest and open dancing. 9-11 p.m. \$20. Tickets: <b>duetdancestudio.com</b>	
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## Creative ways to hide your post-election crying fits



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Whether you're ready to move on or not, regular life is carrying on in our post-election world. Hey, you can go for as long as 45 minutes without remembering the current societal chaos! Perhaps you've even smiled once or twice? And then, out of the poorly-predicted-by-Nate-Silver blue,

you're crying. Again.

Don't fight your feelings, just hide them. Here are some creative ways to keep your politically inspired tears under wraps.

### Aggressively look for that thing in there somewhere

You're keeping yourself together during your Red Line commute. You've even started listening to pop music again (instead of that non-stop Bright Eyes/Elliott Smith playlist). Just as Katy Perry's "Roar" comes through your headphones, a little girl gets on the train. Does this child know she can still be president one day? Do you even believe that anymore? Your eyes burn with impending wetness.

**Plan of action:** Aggressively search for something in your purse. Maybe even add a sotto, "It must be at the very bottom?" Shove your whole head in to cry in peace. Tote bags are best for large heads.

**Backup plan:** Carry around a trumpet at all times to mute your whimpers.

### Fro-yo faceplant

You fundamentally disagree with the current health care system and were looking forward to having it obliterated. Then, while adding cookie dough to your fro-yo cup, you overhear the radio announce our president-elect might actually keep most of Obamacare intact. Did you cast your vote for a suspected bigot for nothing?

**Plan of action:** Crank the French vanilla

valve up to 11 and "trip," conveniently landing face-first in the overflow. No one will be able to tell your sobs are swirled into the soft-serve.

**Backup plan:** Create a fake tornado drill and get everyone the hell out of that yogurt shop.

### Blame everything on Ryan Gosling

Your significant other comes home and asks, "How about Chinese for dinner?" You scream in response, "I don't know how to move forward, OK? Stop putting all this pressure on me!" And then you start to bawl. Not because you're mad at your partner—you're mad at yourself, because you did not vote. And everything might be your fault.

**Plan of action:** Have the climactic scene of "Blue Valentine" queued up on Netflix. Gaze at the screen, frozen on an image of Ryan Gosling's failed marriage and weep yourself dry.

**Backup plan:** Same as above, but "The Notebook."

### Just own it, because you're not alone

You're taking a five-minute break in your shared cubicle and check Twitter. Immediately, your soul is smashed by stories of hate crimes, arguments between friends about the value of protesting and attempts at optimism that are immediately deemed offensive.

Should you stop torturing yourself with news? Or must you remain present even at the expense of your sanity? Is moving on with your life too passive? Is stewing too aggressive?

You cry. You cry from frustration, sadness, worry and so much more. You have nowhere to hide. You put a sleep mask over your eyes, but your co-worker can see your shoulder sobs. You express your honest feelings. Your co-worker, emboldened by your sincerity, starts to express her confusion with the nightmare that is America in 2016. You do not feel debilitating embarrassment. You have an open conversation. You both bust out the tissues.

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# BEARS

RELIVING THE BEARS' 10 WORST  
LOSSES THIS DECADE

## CAN WE START OVER?

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By **Dan Wiederer** | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

There was a time not all that long ago when the Bears were a Super Bowl contender. In 2010, in fact, the Bears won the NFC North and hosted the conference title game. But Jay Cutler left that contest early in the second half with an injury, the Bears lost to Green Bay 21-14 and they haven't returned to the postseason since.

In so many ways, the past five-and-a-half seasons have been a tornado of disappointment and embarrassment. Here are the Bears' 10 worst losses this decade.

**10. DEC. 6, 2015**  
**49ers 26, Bears 20 (OT)**  
Coach: John Fox

**Signature play:** How's this for a painful game-ender? Busted coverage. Blaine Gabbert to Torrey Smith, 71 yards, touchdown.

**Final word:** "It's really not what you've done last week, it's what have you done for me lately in this league. So you've got to be ready every week and you have to perform at a high level and we came up a little short today." —Fox

**9. DEC. 1, 2013**  
**Vikings 23, Bears 20 (OT)**  
Coach: Marc Trestman

**Signature play:** Robbie Gould's 47-yard field goal for the win in overtime sailed wide right. The kick was simply errant. Trestman's decision

to attempt the kick from that distance on second down was utterly mystifying.

**Final word:** "There wasn't analytics involved as much as it was 'We're clearly in his range. And we're in the middle of the field.'" —Trestman, explaining his decision a day later

**8. OCT. 16, 2016**  
**Jaguars 17, Bears 16**  
Coach: Fox

**Signature play:** With just less than 3 minutes to play, cornerback Tracy Porter lost his footing in coverage against receiver Arrelious Benn. With the Bears sending seven rushers on a blitz, Porter had no backup. Benn caught the ball while sliding, then got up and raced to the end zone for a 51-yard go-ahead touchdown.

**Final word:** "We've got to find a way to

capitalize. We have to find a way to make it happen. Good football teams do that. We're not at that point right now." —tight end Zach Miller

**7. SEPT. 27, 2015**  
**Seahawks 26, Bears 0**  
Coach: Fox

**Signature play:** Seahawks rookie Tyler Lockett broke the game open on the opening kickoff of the second half, bursting 105 yards for a touchdown to give Seattle a 13-0 lead.

**Final word:** "We need to generate more than zero points to win games." —Fox, a day after the loss

**6. DEC. 11, 2011**  
**Broncos 13, Bears 10 (OT)**  
Coach: Lovie Smith

**Signature play:** With the Bears protecting a 10-7 lead inside the 2-minute warning, the offense had an opportunity to run the clock way down. But on a second-down, Marion Barber veered too close to the sideline and was knocked out of bounds, stopping the clock a full 40-45 seconds before it otherwise would have. When Barber was stuffed short of a first down on the next play, the Broncos had new

life and capitalized.

**Final word:** "If you believe, unbelievable things can sometimes be possible. I think that's pretty special that we have a team that constantly believes and believes in each other." —then-Denver quarterback Tim Tebow

**5. DEC. 4, 2011**  
**Chiefs 10, Bears 3**  
Coach: Smith

**Signature play:** The only touchdown of a miserable game came on the final play of the first half on a Hail Mary that both Brian Urlacher and Chris Conte batted down. Only the ball fluttered right into Dexter McCCluster's arms for a 38-yard score.

**Final word:** "I know [quarterback] Caleb Hanie will be blamed for a lot of it, but it's us as an offense, overall. We didn't perform the way we needed to." —Smith

**4. NOV. 13, 2016**  
**Buccaneers 36, Bears 10**  
Coach: Fox

**Signature play:** The game had already slipped away. But Cutler's third-quarter fumble in the



end zone said so much about the Bears' sloppiness throughout the day. The protection didn't hold up. Cutler never felt the pressure. And then the quarterback, in his own end zone, carelessly tried to throw a pass from down around his hip as he was being hit from behind. Sack. Strip. Safety. See ya.

**Final word:** "Any given week you can win, you can lose, you can blow somebody out or you can get blown out. It depends on how you execute, your focus coming into it. Obviously, we didn't get the job done today." —Cutler

**3. DEC. 22, 2013**

**Eagles 54, Bears 11**

**Coach:** Trestman

**Signature play:** The Eagles' final touchdown on a dominant night was a 65-yard run by Bryce Brown. Shotgun handoff. Untouched. No resistance. Thanks for coming by.

**Final word:** "We were ready to play this game. And we played a terrible football game. I'm not going to use any word other than that. We were terrible in all three phases." —Trestman

**2. OCT. 26, 2014**

**Patriots 51, Bears 23**

**Coach:** Trestman

**Signature play:** Late in the first half, the Patriots pass rush got home with Dont'a Hightower snagging Cutler as he stepped up

in the pocket. Rather than take the sack, Cutler was careless with his ball security and appeared to try to push a two-hand chest pass toward Matt Forte. Instead, he fumbled. Rob Ninkovich picked it up and ran 15 yards for a touchdown.

**Final word:** "It was like if you blinked too long, you were buried. ... Honestly, I've never been a part of anything like that. I've seen it happen to other teams. But when it happens to you, it's like, 'Man.' You can't even do that kind of stuff on a video game." —left tackle Jermon Bushrod

**1. NOV. 9, 2014**

**Packers 55, Bears 14**

**Coach:** Trestman

**Signature play:** On the first play of the second quarter, Aaron Rodgers hit Jordy Nelson for a 73-yard touchdown pass. A communication breakdown in the secondary left Nelson totally uncovered, and after the standout receiver made his catch at the Bears 40, a frantic effort to corral him was unsuccessful. In fact, not a single defender touched Nelson on the play, with rookie safety Brock Vereen coming the closest. It was a microcosm of the entire night.

**Final word:** "We're not a very good football team right now. Obviously. We've descended over the last three weeks and we didn't make any changes or any positive movement after the bye. And that starts with me. I'll leave it at that." —Trestman



**Bears outside linebacker Leonard Floyd (94) runs into teammate Akiem Hicks (96). Floyd suffered an injury on the play and had to be carted off the field. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE**

## SO WHAT HAPPENED SUNDAY?

While the Bears' 22-16 loss wasn't a late collapse like the one against Jacksonville or a total meltdown like the one against Tampa Bay, it was annoyingly familiar. Jay Cutler managed to lead them to a 16-6 lead in the second quarter. And the Bears never scored again. The rotten cherry on top: a Cutler interception on a desperation drive in the waning stages.

To make matters worse, rookie linebacker Leonard Floyd was carted off on a stretcher and went directly to the hospital via ambulance. Zach Miller, who had a touchdown Sunday, also

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Detroit	6	4	—
Minnesota	6	4	—
Green Bay	4	5	1½
<b>BEARS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

left the game with a broken foot that will keep him out for the rest of the year.

All that drama overshadowed the Bears' reunion with former kicker Robbie Gould, who missed not one but two extra points. Fittingly, the Bears' Connor Barth shanked one as well. Only six games to go. —CHRIS SOSA, REDEYE

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## THE TURKEY BIBLE

Let's talk about the 13-pound monstrosity that's been occupying half of your fridge for the past week. Eventually, you'll have to peel back the plastic and figure out what to do next. We asked Chicago chefs to share their best tips for taming a Thanksgiving Day bird. Here's how to tackle your turkey like a pro.

**1** "Leave the turkey uncovered in the fridge for two days before cooking. This way, the skin will dry out and your Thanksgiving bird will have delicious, crispy skin." —BRIAN JUPITER, FRONTIER

**2** "If you're thinking of deep-frying a turkey, you've already lost. Go to Chinatown and have a lovely meal instead." —BRIAN ENYART, DOS URBAN CANTINA



**3** "My secret is to add orange slices inside with my stuffing, which adds nice citrus notes. I also make sure to take a shot every time I taste my turkey, that way we're both properly sauced by the time we're ready to eat." —CAM SMITH, G&O AND THE ABERDEEN TAP

**4** "My favorite tip is to rub the skin with grappa. It comes out super crispy. When you slice the turkey, take the breast off first and slice it like you would a loaf of bread." —TONY MANTUANO, SPAGGIA

**5** "Place a 1-inch layer of stock, carrots, onions, leeks, fennel cut in large pieces and whole sprigs of herbs under your baking rack so the drippings from the bird don't burn on the bottom of the roasting pan." —RACHEL DOW, THE BETTY

**6** "Once cooked, resist the urge to cut into the bird right away. Let mine rest for an hour before carving." —MATT AYALA, COCHON VOLANT BRASSERIE

LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE PHOTO. TURKEY PROVIDED BY DESTEL FAMILY TURKEY RANCH

# THE COMPLETE GUIDE to THANKSGIVING



PANIC NOT INCLUDED

BETWEEN THE WORLD SERIES WIN, THE 70-DEGREE WEATHER AND THAT THING CALLED THE ELECTION, IT SEEMS UNREAL THAT IT'S TIME TO POP A TURKEY IN THE OVEN. BUT FEAR NOT, REDEYE'S MORGAN OLSEN FOUND ALL THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS YOU FORGOT TO ASK.

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## A SIP FOR EVERY BITE

Avoid aimlessly wandering the wine department of your favorite grocery store the day before Thanksgiving and take a tip (or eight) from Oriole sommelier Aaron McManus. He makes seamless pairing suggestions for all the major Thanksgiving food groups. Pick and choose a few to build your own personalized wine list for the big day. Or, better yet, use this as a checklist when your guests ask what they can bring.

## CHEESY APPETIZERS+ CHAMPAGNE

Pro notes: Champagne is a great way to start any meal. The bubbles cleanse your palate after every sip, and the yeasty qualities will match nicely with crackers and bread.

## TURKEY+ PINOT NOIR

Pro notes: Specifically, an Oregon pinot noir will have enough body and fruit to match the bird, and it will enhance both the white and dark meat.

## STUFFING+ PINOT GRIS

Pro notes: Alsace pinot gris would be my choice. It's fuller-bodied with flavors of baked apple, flowers and a slight bitterness.



## POTATOES AND GRAVY+ CHARDONNAY

Pro notes: The texture of the wine is rich and will match the fatty qualities of the potatoes and gravy.

## CRANBERRY SAUCE+ GRENACHE ROSÉ

Pro notes: Flavors of pomegranate, grapefruit, strawberry and raspberry explode out of the glass. All that red fruit will complement the cranberry sauce.

## THE GREEN STUFF+ GRÜNER Veltliner

Pro notes: This varietal is known for having some green flavors of sugar snap peas, arugula and herbs. It also has a medium body, so it will stand up to the casserole no matter how creamy you make it.

## PUMPKIN PIE+RIESLING

Pro notes: For this pairing, you'll want a sweeter riesling and preferably an older one. It has flavors of citrus and peach with honey notes that will pair well with the spice of the pie.

## LATE-NIGHT LEFTOVERS+ CHENIN BLANC

Pro notes: It's one of my favorite varietals to pair with food in general. It's very versatile and should show notes of apples and honey-suckle and almonds.

## POWER OF THE PUNCH BOWL

If the thought of playing bartender while tending to the turkey is raising your blood pressure, consider a signature drink in the form of a large-format cocktail. Your guests will be impressed and, more importantly, able to serve themselves. The folks at Punch House shared this foolproof, turkey-day-approved recipe.

## WHITE LIGHTNING PUNCH

**INGREDIENTS**  
 1 bottle apple brandy  
 Brand suggestion: Laird & Company Jersey Lightning apple brandy

2/3 cup lime juice  
 2/3 cup lemon juice  
 2/3 cup orange juice  
 2 cups peach iced tea  
 1 1/4 cup soda water  
 1 1/2 cup vanilla syrup  
 Pear slices for garnish

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
 Combine all ingredients and serve over ice.

That was easy, huh?



## IF ALL ELSE FAILS...

You cooked, you cleaned, you made it nice ("Real Housewives" represent), but [bleep] hit the fan and you need a backup plan stat. Whether the turkey is still ice-cold at 2 p.m. or the star side dish was torched in a broiling accident, it's time to call in reinforcements. Luckily, Chicago restaurants have your back. Here's the shortlist of who's serving dine-in and carryout options on Thanksgiving Day.

## DINE IN

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## THE TURKEY BIBLE

Let's talk about the 13-pound monstrosity that's been occupying half of your fridge for the past week. Eventually, you'll have to peel back the plastic and figure out what to do next. We asked Chicago chefs to share their best tips for taming a Thanksgiving Day bird. Here's how to tackle your turkey like a pro.

**1** "Leave the turkey uncovered in the fridge for two days before cooking. This way, the skin will dry out and your Thanksgiving bird will have delicious, crispy skin." —BRIAN JUPITER, FRONTIER

**2** "If you're thinking of deep-frying a turkey, you've already lost. Go to Chinatown and have a lovely meal instead." —BRIAN ENYART, DOS URBAN CANTINA



**3** "My secret is to add orange slices inside with my stuffing, which adds nice citrus notes. I also make sure to take a shot every time I taste my turkey, that way we're both properly sauced by the time we're ready to eat." —CAM SMITH, G&O AND THE ABERDEEN TAP

**4** "My favorite tip is to rub the skin with grappa. It comes out super crispy. When you slice the turkey, take the breast off first and slice it like you would a loaf of bread." —TONY MANTUANO, SPAGGIA

**5** "Place a 1-inch layer of stock, carrots, onions, leeks, fennel cut in large pieces and whole sprigs of herbs under your baking rack so the drippings from the bird don't burn on the bottom of the roasting pan." —RACHEL DOW, THE BETTY

**6** "Once cooked, resist the urge to cut into the bird right away. Let mine rest for an hour before carving." —MATT AYALA, COCHON VOLANT BRASSERIE

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## A SIP FOR EVERY BITE

Avoid aimlessly wandering the wine department of your favorite grocery store the day before Thanksgiving and take a tip (or eight) from Oriole sommelier Aaron McManus. He makes seamless pairing suggestions for all the major Thanksgiving food groups. Pick and choose a few to build your own personalized wine list for the big day. Or, better yet, use this as a checklist when your guests ask what they can bring.

## CHEESY APPETIZERS+ CHAMPAGNE

Pro notes: Champagne is a great way to start any meal. The bubbles cleanse your palate after every sip, and the yeasty qualities will match nicely with crackers and bread.

## TURKEY+ PINOT NOIR

Pro notes: Specifically, an Oregon pinot noir will have enough body and fruit to match the bird, and it will enhance both the white and dark meat.

## STUFFING+ PINOT GRIS

Pro notes: Alsace pinot gris would be my choice. It's fuller-bodied with flavors of baked apple, flowers and a slight bitterness.



## POTATOES AND GRAVY+ CHARDONNAY

Pro notes: The texture of the wine is rich and will match the fatty qualities of the potatoes and gravy.

## CRANBERRY SAUCE+ GRENACHE ROSÉ

Pro notes: Flavors of pomegranate, grapefruit, strawberry and raspberry explode out of the glass. All that red fruit will complement the cranberry sauce.

## THE GREEN STUFF+ GRÜNER Veltliner

Pro notes: This varietal is known for having some green flavors of sugar snap peas, arugula and herbs. It also has a medium body, so it will stand up to the casserole no matter how creamy you make it.

## PUMPKIN PIE+RIESLING

Pro notes: For this pairing, you'll want a sweeter riesling and preferably an older one. It has flavors of citrus and peach with honey notes that will pair well with the spice of the pie.

## LATE-NIGHT LEFTOVERS+ CHENIN BLANC

Pro notes: It's one of my favorite varietals to pair with food in general. It's very versatile and should show notes of apples and honey-suckle and almonds.

## POWER OF THE PUNCH BOWL

If the thought of playing bartender while tending to the turkey is raising your blood pressure, consider a signature drink in the form of a large-format cocktail. Your guests will be impressed and, more importantly, able to serve themselves. The folks at Punch House shared this foolproof, turkey-day-approved recipe.

## WHITE LIGHTNING PUNCH

- INGREDIENTS**
- 1 bottle apple brandy
  - Brand suggestion: Laird & Company Jersey Lightning apple brandy
  - 2/3 cup lime juice
  - 2/3 cup lemon juice
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  - 2 cups peach iced tea
  - 1 1/4 cup soda water
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**INSTRUCTIONS**  
Combine all ingredients and serve over ice.

That was easy, huh?



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# Are you surprised it's fantastic?



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Over the course of its more than 90-year history, Disney has boiled cranking out critically acclaimed and fan-favorite animated musicals down to a science. So it should come as no surprise that “Moana,” starring almost-16-year-old Auli'i Cravalho and

## What happens?

Moana Waialiki (Cravalho) is the 16-year-old daughter of the chief of a tribe on the fictional island of Motunui in Polynesia, and she is torn between her desire to stay and help lead her people and wanting to explore what lies beyond. In typical Disney fashion, tensions between Moana and her father arise when she expresses this inner conflict, and when famine threatens their community, she takes off on a voyage across the ocean to return the heart of Tehiti, long ago stolen by the demigod Maui (Johnson).

## What's good?

I mean. Come on. Just read the first two paragraphs again. All of the elements that make Disney films as heartwarming and moving as they have always been—unless you lack a heart or despise anything remotely warm and fuzzy—are present: an underdog to root for (i.e. a young girl traveling across the vast

ocean to complete a task that generations of those older and wiser couldn't), uplifting music to get stuck in your head (courtesy of Lin-Manuel Miranda), an ancient fairytale and stunning performances by both Cravalho and Johnson, to boot. Peak Disney.

## What's bad?

As always with Disney movies, you have to leave room in your cold dead heart for the “rule of cool.” It's no use getting bogged down in the particulars of how the plot moves along. Sure, it's mighty convenient that certain things happen at certain times or that a character is able to work through an impossible task, but get over yourself. Disney is here to make sure you have a good time, not give you a mental workout.

## Final verdict

I'll be real with you. It made me cry twice. Go see it.

## Dwayne Johnson gets animated in Disney's 'Moana'

By Amy Kaufman | LOS ANGELES TIMES

Dwayne Johnson knows how moviegoers want to see him.

Strong—as in physically imposing. But emotionally tough too. The kind of guy who's the first to walk into a dark room. A man whose sheer will inspires others to conquer their own demons.

“There's a strong audience appetite for me in roles where, if there's a problem, I will galvanize people around me and I will handle it,” is how he puts it.

So that's who the 44-year-old has been for us for the past decade. In the “Fast and Furious” franchise, as a G.I. Joe or Hercules, Johnson has grossed billions at the box office as the multicultural action hero who is still endearing enough to be voted People's Sexiest Man Alive.

Which is why, at first glance, an animated Disney musical doesn't seem to jive with the former WWE star's image. But while the family-friendly “Moana” has no gun battles or profane villains, the movie still manages to fit into Johnson's wheelhouse. In the PG-rated film the actor voices Maui, a tattooed, muscle-bound demigod who must swallow his pride to help the film's young heroine, Moana (Auli'i Cravalho), save her Polynesian island.

Johnson, who grew up in Hawaii and has his own biceps tattooed to represent his Samoan roots, saw “Moana” as an opportunity to showcase Polynesian culture to the world. But he also liked the challenge of taking on Lin-Manuel Miranda's songs—singing in public for the first time since he was young, when he sat around with his family, a ukulele and a few drinks.

As he moved out of his comfort zone, Johnson relied heavily on “Hamilton” creator Miranda to coach him through his vocals—signing on for 20-minute Skype sessions with the sometimes still-costumed Broadway star whenever he was offstage. Once Miranda felt comfortable with Johnson's vocal ability, he urged the fledgling singer to infuse the performance with bravado.

“The technical thing, I wasn't worried about,” Miranda explained. “The fun of it was the Rock's persona and how it dovetails with Maui. We're basically just elevating [that] because the Rock is like a god among us—he's a mountain of a man.”

Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, is peak Disney magic.

From musical numbers to moving performances, “Moana” is another surefire hit for the entertainment giant. It's simultaneously a return to the magic of the Disney Renaissance and a charge forward, adding another young, powerful woman of color to the studio's roster of badass heroines.



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**Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard in 'Allied'**

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# Great ingredients don't make a great movie

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Brad Pitt has been in the news far more than usual these past few months, making it nearly impossible to forget that “Allied,” the latest offering from Robert Zemeckis, was initially said to be at the root of Pitt’s very public split from actress Angelina Jolie. All of the drama surrounding Pitt’s involvement steals the spotlight from the true star of the film, the brilliant Marion Cotillard, who single-handedly carries the film through to its (admittedly very predictable) ending.

**What happens?**  
Allied Forces spy Max Vatan (Pitt) is put on assignment in French Morocco in 1942, taking on the role of husband to undercover French Resistance fighter Marianne Beausejour (Cotillard). Once their mission to assassinate the German ambassador is complete, the two reunite in London, where they marry and have a child together. Just as all seems relatively calm, Vatan is warned that his wife might be a German sleeper spy assuming the identity of Beausejour, who died years earlier. Given orders to either kill his wife or be executed alongside her for treason, he goes on a mission to prove her innocence.

**What’s bad?**  
Against Cotillard’s performance, Pitt falls flat as the Canadian white bread character of Vatan. The role is too straightforward and one-dimensional to allow Pitt (who is fairly white bread himself) to stretch his legs as he can in roles that incorporate some edge or humor.

Without a partner to match her, Cotillard’s performance isn’t enough to salvage the predictability of the ending, despite half-witted attempts to convince Vatan—and by extension, the audience—that all is not as it seems. The pacing also feels off, with far too little time devoted to fleshing out the mystery of Beausejour’s true allegiance.

**Final verdict**  
It is, in a phrase, “very OK.” You might enjoy it, but you aren’t missing anything if you decide to sit this one out.

**What’s good?**  
Cotillard continuously keeps you guessing



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**Scorpio** Oct. 23–Nov. 21

A deep conversation with your partner might lead to a life-altering decision by the end of the week.

Another possibility is that you will deepen your relationship and, if you are not yet living together or married, make a stronger commitment to each other. Whatever happens, it'll be intense—and will link you closer together.



**Sagittarius** Nov. 22–Dec. 21

You and your partner can make serious progress this week fleshing out a shared aspiration. Perhaps

you'll enlist the help of a mutual friend or will seek to expand your social network together in order to achieve this dream. Making connections that can have a positive impact for both of you is quite likely now, so consider attending meet-ups or other get-togethers that will support this possibility.



**Capricorn** Dec. 22–Jan. 19

You might be obsessing over someone, and if so, it's going to become quite obvious to him or her this

week. If he or she is single and interested in exploring what might be a major attraction, then you're in luck. If, however, you end up feeling rejected, it might be a difficult blow to recover from, but only because you're likely to be extremely public about this fixation. Rethinking that approach might help you save face.



**Aquarius** Jan. 20–Feb. 18

A secret crush might become more than you can handle. Falling for a person who is otherwise committed or who doesn't feel the same as you do can be heartbreaking. By Friday, you'll know for

sure if you're wasting your heart on this person or if there's really a chance.



**Pisces** Feb. 19–March 20

An undeniable fascination you have for one of your friends might take an unexpected turn. The two of you

might realize that the level of passion you feel is pointless to ignore. A deep and intense affair might begin and quickly develop into something more meaningful than either of you anticipated. Possessiveness, jealousy and even obsession are likely to crop up. While exciting, it could also be difficult to manage. Handle with care.



**Aries** March 21–April 19

There might be a power struggle this week between you and your mate concerning each of your professional

goals. If one of you has the idea that his or her ambitions are more vital than the other's, you've got a problem on your hands. Perhaps one of you is struggling with an insecurity connected to your partner's success. If any of this rings true, you'll need to address it—stat!



**Taurus** April 20–May 20

Either you or your partner might be so passionate about a religious or philosophical view that it might

come across in an almost intimidating way. While you or your mate may intend to be inspirational and helpful, remember that forcing one's ideology onto another can never work. If it does not resonate naturally, it might be a red flag that requires your attention.



**Gemini** May 21–June 20

This might be a profitable week for you and your sweetheart. One of your joint investments might

have matured, and if so, you'll discover that it did so quite nicely. Another possibility is that you and your partner are ready to take the plunge and make a big-ticket item purchase together—a home, car or anything else you consider major. In terms of intimacy, the two of you are on a whole new level this week. Wow!



**Cancer** June 21–July 22

You won't have any light and fluffy interactions with your mate this week. Instead, the two of you appear

more interested in adding a significant depth of flavor to your love life. Exploring a taboo sexual fantasy might be one way to quench this thirst, but it doesn't have to be anything out of the ordinary. You might simply share a part of each other that you never have before. Sometimes a naked soul is sexier than a naked body.



**Leo** July 23–Aug. 22

You and you lover will have a unique ability this week to share your most imaginative ideas and

then find a way to make them real. Mercury will link up to both Jupiter and Saturn this week, allowing you to support each other's most heart-felt thoughts by backing them up practically. There won't be any pie-in-the-sky idea the two of you can't bake up together. Wonderful!



**Virgo** Aug. 23–Sept. 22

You want nothing more than to bring your life back into balance. However, you can't help but set

your sights far into the distance. Let your thoughts roam, partake in philosophical discussions and delay initiating action while you further develop your plans.

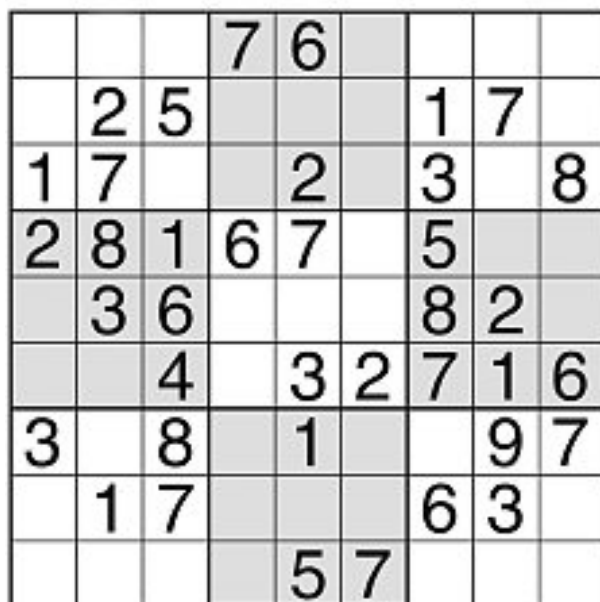


**Libra** Sept. 23–Oct. 22

You are bound to be distracted by one thing after another on Monday, even if you do your best to focus.

You may feel encouraged to speak the truth as you see it, even if it ruffles someone's feathers. It might be easier to remain silent and do your job, but you're probably willing to pay the price in order to claim your power. Doing the right thing brings true satisfaction.





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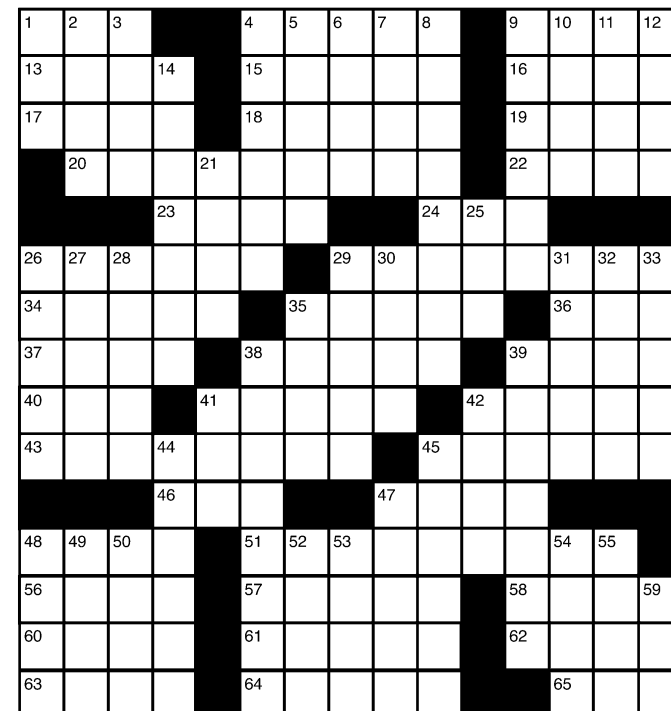
**1985:** U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested, accused of spying for Israel. Pollard later pleaded guilty to espionage and was sentenced to life in prison; he was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.

### ACROSS

- 1 Horse's mouthpiece
- 4 a hard drive; delete all data
- 9 Spill the beans
- 13 Dollar bills
- 15 Rising hour, for many
- 16 Trick
- 17 Chew like a beaver
- 18 away; leaves shore
- 19 Shade trees
- 20 "Beat it!"
- 22 Kick out of office
- 23 Doris & Dennis
- 24 Monogram for Coretta's hubby
- 26 Bacon & Kline
- 29 Large showy flower
- 34 Got up
- 35 Raggedy Ann and Barbie
- 36 "Cat" Hot Tin Roof
- 37 The one and the other
- 38 Syrup flavor
- 39 Catcher's glove
- 40 Take advantage of
- 41 Storm winds
- 42 Capital of Bulgaria
- 43 Decreased
- 45 Get sicker
- 46 Over-the-hill
- 47 on the cob
- 48 Tearful request
- 51 Childish
- 56 Laugh loudly
- 57 Result of not shaving
- 58 Scotia
- 60 Melanie
- 61 Big
- 62 Hockey score
- 63 Put in the mail
- 64 Mistake
- 65 Fraternity letter

### DOWN

- 1 Marsh
- 2 Travelers' stops
- 3 Yellowish-brown wood
- 4 School compositions
- 5 the riot act to; bawls out
- 6 Eager
- 7 down the river; betray
- 8 Musical group
- 9 Small streams
- 10 Feast featuring roast pig & poi
- 11 for; requests
- 12 Finest



- 14 Language of Stockholm
- 21 Great ; very large dog
- 25 Fleur-de-
- 26 Capital of Afghanistan
- 27 Uneven
- 28 Casts a ballot
- 29 for; desired
- 30 Problems
- 31 Hairdos
- 32 Loosen a knot

- 33 Hell's ruler
- 35 Valley
- 38 Lower jaw
- 39 Daybreak
- 41 Become firm
- 42 Put in order
- 44 Flew high
- 45 Amazement
- 47 Goods being transported

- 48 Experts
- 49 Theater box
- 50 Make money
- 52 Within reach
- 53 Actor Jamie
- 54 Thrown for a ; befuddled
- 55 Gabor & others
- 59 Late ring king

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Sharon Jones performs with the Dap-Kings at the House of Blues in Chicago on Dec. 31, 2015.  
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## 1956-2016 Sharon Jones

Soul singer Sharon Jones died Friday after a long battle with pancreatic cancer, the LA Times reported. She was 60. Her battle with cancer was documented in the recent film "Miss Sharon Jones!", and her 2014 album "Give the People What They Want" was nominated for a Grammy.

### We miss the old Kanye

Kanye West ended his Sacramento concert after 30 minutes on Saturday following an onstage rant against Jay Z and Beyoncé. According to [eonline.com](http://online.com), West accused Beyoncé of refusing to perform at the 2016 MTV Video Music Awards unless her video for "Formation" beat his "Famous" and Drake's "Hotline Bling" for Video of the Year. Also, Kanye pleaded for Jay Z to call him. After the rant he said, "Get ready to have a field day, press, because the show's over."



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### THE DIGIT

# \$218.3M

That's how much money "Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them" made at the box office this weekend. According to [variety.com](http://variety.com), the movie pulled in \$143.3 million overseas and \$75 million in North America.

### HOT DATE

## Dec. 3

That's when [Emma Stone](http://emma-stone.com) will return to "Saturday Night Live" to host for a third time. According to [vulture.com](http://vulture.com), Shawn Mendes is scheduled to be the musical guest.



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### The queen has arrived

"Game of Thrones" star Emilia Clarke is joining the "Star Wars" Han Solo spinoff. Variety reports that Clarke will star opposite Alden Ehrenreich and Donald Glover, although it's unsure what Clarke's role will be.

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